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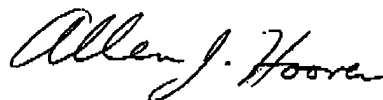
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Applicants: Errette Bevins III *et al.* )  
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND  
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Sir:

A copy of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 26, 2004, is submitted herewith. You are requested to grant a three-month extension of the shortened time set for responding to said Notice. You are authorized to charge the extension fee and the surcharge set forth in said Notice to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

A copy of a declaration and power-of-attorney signed by two of the three inventors named in this application, namely, Nick Carter and Sergio Diaz de Leon, is submitted herewith. A copy of their assignment to Polymer Group, Inc., is submitted herewith. Their assignment is being submitted separately for your recordation. On information and belief, the third inventor, Errette Bevins III, has refused to sign.

On information and belief, the nonsigning inventor had received a complete copy of the patent application noted above (specification, claims, abstract, and drawings) along with a counterpart of the enclosed declaration and along with a

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counterpart of the enclosed assignment, before he told Jennifer Mayhorn of the Intellectual Property Department of Polymer Group, Inc. on August 23, 2004, that he had chosen not to sign "because he wasn't employed with the company at the time the application was filed."

Petition is made hereby made hereby under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) for the declaration submitted herewith, in which the signature of Errette Bevins III has been left blank, be treated as having been signed by all the available inventors, two such inventors in this instance, on behalf of the nonsigning inventor.

Respectfully submitted,

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